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## Letter dated 18 February 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the so-called "Iraqi National Congress", based in London and Washington, issued a statement on 13 February 2002 in which it claimed responsibility for sabotage operations during the past seven months against Iraqi civilian facilities, including refineries, pumps and oil pipelines, and said that it had rockets and booby-trapped cars in these operations.

While the United States of America and the United Kingdom claim to be seeking to combat terrorism, they are continuing to apply the same old policy of sheltering, harbouring and arming terrorist groups that seek to undermine stability in numerous countries and permitting such groups to announce such terrorist operations through their offices opened in London and Washington and financed officially by the United Kingdom and the United States.

International law is an indivisible whole, and the principles governing terrorism are an indivisible whole. The United States-United Kingdom selective practices of proclaiming the combating of terrorism, on the one hand, and harbouring terrorists on the other, jeopardize the goal of combating terrorism, as well as constituting a breach of international peace and security, particularly since the United Kingdom chairs the Counter-Terrorism Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which imposes on it the obligation to be in the forefront of the battle against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and not to provide a clear example of double standards with regard to terrorism.

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 166, and of the Security Council.

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